

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force its stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation, and is frankly anti-American and anti-free speech.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This is not the case with their politically motivated, top-down decision on the anti-Kerry documentary. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line, a narrowing of ideas and thoughtful programming, and less of what is needed for a healthy democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Their abuse of this license reveals why the license renewal process needs to be strengthened. Thank you.